



**County of San Bernardino
Department of Behavioral Health**

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TO: DBH Staff
Contract Agency

FROM: Allan Rawland, Director

SUBJECT: **PROCEDURE FOR REFERRALS OF CONSUMERS FROM
DBH/CONTRACT AGENCY CLINICS TO ARMC-BH**

ISSUE: 5150's are to be written for consumers who are facing a psychiatric crisis that requires hospitalization, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code, Chapter 2, Article 1, § 5150.

**SCREENING
PROCESS FOR
CONSUMERS
IN
PSYCHIATRIC
CRISIS:**

For consumers who do not present as a danger to self, others, or gravely disabled, clinic/contract agency staff are to screen consumers to determine if they require other resources, such as:

- Social (food, shelter, and social support)
- Case management or
- Enrollment in a full-service partnership (interagency cooperative effort)

It is important for the screening clinician to make collateral contacts whenever possible in order to verify the presenting problems and explore alternatives to hospitalization.

Provider staff needs to consider which alternative resources would best benefit consumers in crisis. There are resources available to providers through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and other existing programs.

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DOCUMENTS: To further improve assessment and treatment, when a 5150 is appropriate, supporting documents must accompany the referral, such as:

- A complete list of the consumer's medications
 - Collateral contact information
 - Any information available regarding the consumer's compliance with their medication regimen and
 - Other documents deemed pertinent
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**CLINICIAN'S
FOLLOW-UP**

It is the referring clinician's responsibility to follow-up within 24 hours to check the consumer's admission status. This can be done by calling the **ARMC Diversion Team at (909) 580-2141 and asking them to check the Triage Log** for the consumer's name.
